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SUBJECT: PERON ADDRESSES CGT

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1. IN FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SPEECH SINCE RECENT ILLNESS, PRESIDENT PERON SPOKE FOR 55 MINUTES DECEMBER 13 TO GROUP OF 118 UNION LEADERS AT CGT. HE USED FORUM TO CALL ON ORGANIZED LABOR FOR PATIENCE WITH REGARD WAGE INCREASES. PUNCTUATING REMARKS FREQUENTLY WITH JOKES AND ANECDOTES AND CITING HIS VERSION OF HISTORY OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS UNDER SUCCESSIVE JUSTICIALISTA GOVERNMENTS, PERON EXHORTED WORKERS NOT TO DISTURB OR DISRUPT VERY COMPLEX ECONOMIC EFFORT NOW UNDERWAY, WHICH HE PROMISED WOULD LEAD TO MASSIVE IMPROVEMENTS FOR ALL WHEN "ECONOMY OF ABUNDANCE" BECOMES REALITY IN 1975. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, RULE OUT KINDS OF ADJUSTMENTS FORESEEN IN SOCIAL PACT AND SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT CONDITIONS IN SOME INDUSTRIES MIGHT PERMIT GREATER BENEFITS FOR WORKERS THAN IN OTHERS AT THIS TIME.

2. PERON ALSO LAUDED PRESENT CGT LEADERSHIP AND TOLD WORKERS THEY COULD BE "CONFIDENT AND RELAXED" WITH THEIR LEADERS ALTHOUGH "SOME FOOLS CALL THEM BUREAUCRATS".

COMMENT. SPEECH VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED PROSPECTS FOR LARGE WAGE

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INCREASES THIS YEAR. IN TELLING WORKERS WHAT THEY DID NOT WANT

TO HEAR ON WAGE ISSUE, PERON DREW - AS ONLY HE CAN - ON DEEP
RESERVES OF AFFECTION AND CONFIDENCE WORKERS HOLD FOR HIM.
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